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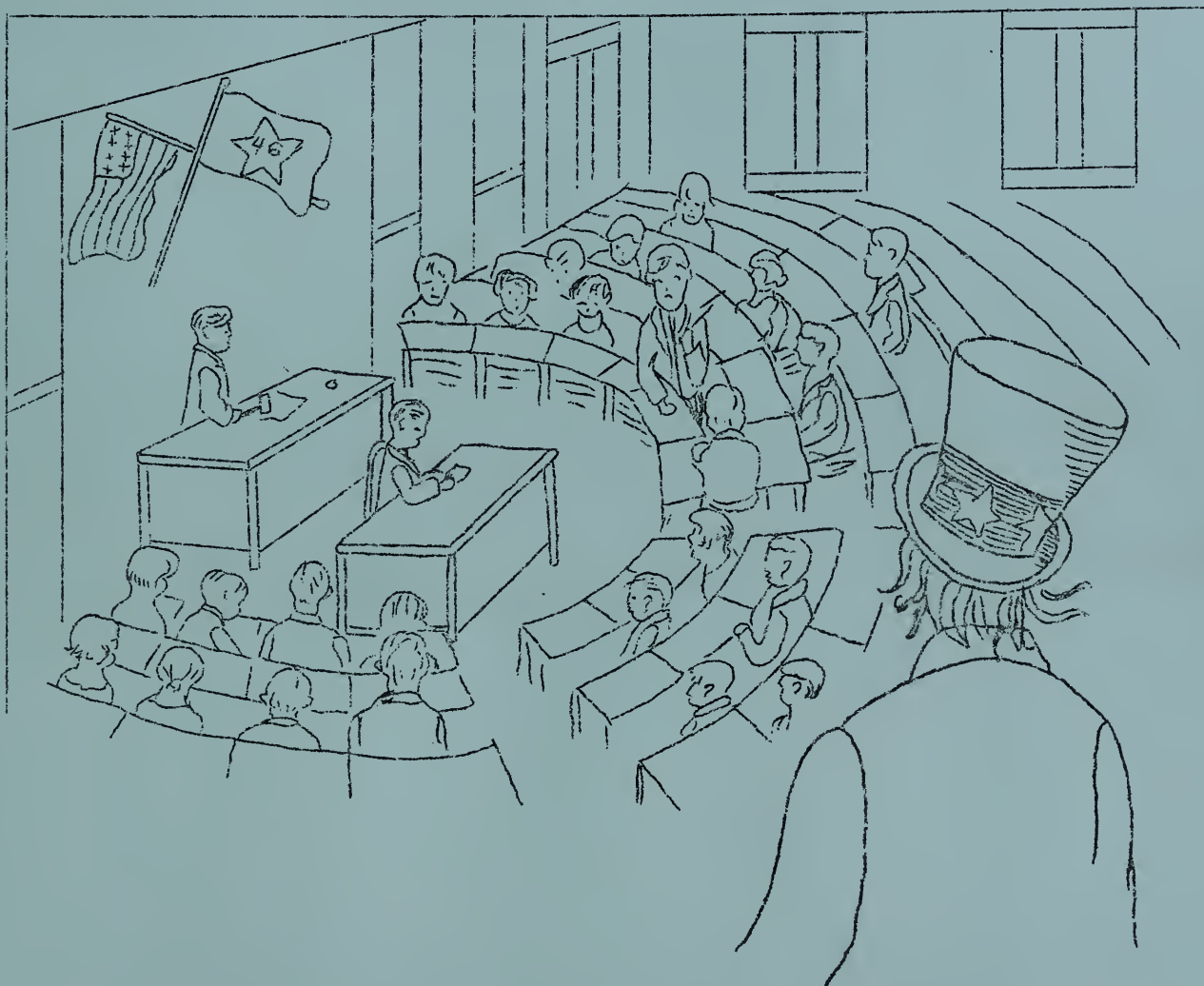
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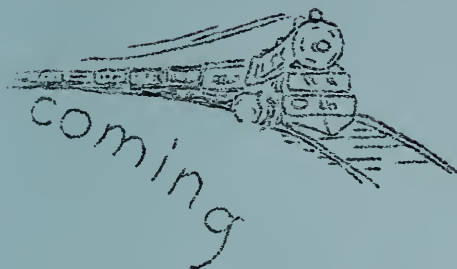
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Club members of Oklahoma recently tried their skill at running the State legislature for an hour during their visit to the Capitol while in Oklahoma City for the stock show, the solons becoming spectators for the time. Perhaps the young people were getting a little practice for future use.



Coming from IOWA:

Esther Sietmann, Marshall County.
 Alberta Hoppe, Linn County.
 Wilbur Plager, Grundy County.

Coming from OKLAHOMA:

Olin Butler, Logan County.
 Carl Sturdivant, Craig County.
 Thelma McKinney, Muskegee County.
 Anna May Laurent, Tillman County.

Coming from MICHIGAN:

Leona Gale, Washtenaw County
 Anna Haschberger, Iron County.
 Erwin Williams, Chippewa County.
 James Meeks, Hillsdale County.

Coming from SOUTH CAROLINA:

Perry Hammond, Lancaster County.
 Leon Clayton, Pickens County.

Coming from NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Laban Tadd, Hillsborough County.
 Leonard Smith, Sullivan County.
 Grace Sargent, Merrimack County.
 Arvilla Bedford, Grafton County.

Coming from WISCONSIN:

George A. Adalen, Pierce County.
 Roswell Griffiths, Kenosha County.
 Marion Booth, Dane County.
 Olive Van Buren, Shawano County

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Going, going, going! On one of those magic-carpet tours, personally conducted by R. A. Turner, tour master for the first national 4-H club camp, leaving at once on the next page →

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LITTLE "PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOURS" ABOUT WASHINGTON,

by "THE TOUR MASTER"

Today we come to the fourth and last of these imaginary tours about our nation's Capital City. While here at the national farm boys' and girls' 4-H club camp, we shall enjoy together the real tours to some of these and to many other places of unusual interest.

Washington is sometimes known as "The City of Magnificent Distances." Today we shall see several places at somewhat widely separated points.

The oldest house of worship in the District of Columbia, or near it, is the Rock Creek Church. It was built in 1719 by the planters of the neighborhood, of brick imported from England as ballast in empty tobacco ships. In Rock Creek Cemetery, near the church, is one of the famous statues of the city. This monument of bronze was designed and executed by Augustus Saint Gaudens for Henry Adams, grandson and great grandson of our Presidents Adams. It is sometimes called "Grief."

Let's go south a short distance to the Soldiers' Home. This, the first soldiers' home in America, was established in 1851 out of certain funds received from Mexico and is now the home of approximately 1,200 men who have completed 20 years' service in the United States Army or who have been disabled by wounds or disease. That large cottage near the main building was formerly used by the Presidents of the United States as a summer residence when it was distant a carriage drive of comfortable length from the city.

From here we will go to Walter Reed Hospital, which is one of our most widely known military hospitals. It was named in honor of Dr. Walter Reed who accomplished so much in combating the mosquito as a carrier of disease.

Our last stop today will be at Center Market, one of the most spacious, convenient, well furnished, and withal picturesque establishments of its kind in the country. Here farm products are sold by both retail and wholesale dealers. It is located close to the 4-H camp, and some of you will want to visit it again during your leisure hours.

Time alone prevents us from visiting any of the educational institutions located in Washington, of which there are no less than 38 universities, colleges, academies, and private schools, in addition to high schools and grade schools.

Now we are ready to participate in the educational tours arranged for our enjoyment and benefit during the 4-H encampment.

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A SERIOUS BUSINESS

That the honor of being a club leader deserves special preparation for the responsibilities implied, one and all agree. Witness the training club leaders have been taking recently. Utah's training school for club leaders at Logan drew 122 volunteer leaders from 17 counties. Michigan's tenth annual county normal day at East Lansing was the finishing touch for 45 county training courses for club leaders, known as "normal training classes." New York's school for leaders of 4-H clubs, boy and girl scouts, and campfire girls is just over. Tennessee extension agents in December last recommended that four leaders' conferences be held in each county this year and Margaret Ambrose, State home demonstration agent, says practically all the county home demonstration agents have held them. No word has been received from the men agents; it is presumed they are all sawing wood.



Oregon's club summer school, June 13-25, has a department for local leaders. Nebraska State club workers are meeting with the 223 club leaders on the installment plan and are now on the second installment. Pennsylvania has scheduled its second annual leadership training school for June 13-18. Mississippi has had training meetings for local leaders in every county having an extension organization.

Illinois is holding county leaders' conferences and thinks of bettering last year's record of 70 such meetings. Spokane, Kitsap, and Yakima Counties, Wash., are to have club leaders' camps. Indiana will train club camp leaders at Purdue University, July 5-8. Maryland's local leaders of home-economics club work have been making at their training meetings, samples or models of the things they are to show the girls how to make, at the same time observing how the subject matter is presented.

At Utah's training school the leaders enrolled in home economics and agricultural projects for instruction in methods of leading their particular projects, studied methods of organization and of conducting club meetings. For 15 minutes each day they practiced singing songs suitable for club meetings. One hour each day was set aside for learning and playing games taught by recreation leaders. The subject-matter groups each trained demonstration teams, and at the end of the week a demonstration contest was held. A similar training school was held at Vernal, Utah, for the leaders from Uinta and Duchesne counties, and 37 attended.

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Members of Cascade County (Mont.) 4-H Club Leaders' Association sometimes discuss their work among themselves at their meetings, and sometimes one of the State extension workers is present to talk over special problems.

A club-leader short course is announced for November 7-12 at the branch of the college of agriculture, University of California, at Davis. Those who attend will "camp out" indoors, the university furnishing beds and the club leaders their own bedding. There will be study four hours each day, a general session, one hour each afternoon for study of methods of presenting personal-improvement projects to club members, a recreation hour, and evenings of entertainment and addresses.

When Mary Oliver Howey, clothing specialist, Washington State Extension Service, attends a meeting of local club leaders, she presents the subject matter and follows with a proposed plan which might be used by the leaders in presenting the subject to their clubs. The leaders are then given paper and pencils, and while they discuss plans and obstacles they may meet, they jot down an outline of procedure of their own, adapted to their particular communities.

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HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR INVITATION? The one from Nebraska, which reads: "The seven hundred twenty-five baby beeves being fed this year in Nebraska by five hundred ninety-five members of standard 4-H clubs cordially invite you to visit them this summer on their farms and at the Nebraska State Fair, Lincoln, September 4-9, 1927." It is done in English Gothic type, spaced like -- well, it looks like one of those things calling for a tux and flowers, to say the least. But according to reliable, in fact inside, information, it was multigraphed at a very small expense. It went to civic organizations, meat dealers, and individuals interested in baby beeves.

Connecticut is bowing to congratulations over the new State enactment providing State funds, which makes possible a club agent in each county.

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So said the orators in the days when our country was in the making. Looks like 4-H club members are going to make it a current sentiment. For example, see the records of 4-H cotton planters in Coosa and Tallapoosa Counties, Ala.:

79	club	boys	made	79	bales	of	cotton	on	79	acres	in	1924.
118	"	"	"	118	"	"	"	"	118	"	"	1925.
155	"	"	"	155	"	"	"	"	155	"	"	1926.

This, too, in a section which has been averaging less than half a bale per acre. "Club work has helped to increase the income on many farms in these counties," says J. C. Lowery, district club agent, "by parents following the boys' lead."

From "bummer" lambs left by a passing range flock on its way to the mountains, Frances Simmons of Grant County, Wash., has progressed within three years to a flock of 72 sheep. Last season her wool crop sold for \$95. Frances herds her sheep, herself, and is building up the quality of her flock as the returns permit.

Ralph Hauptli, club member of Mitchell County, Kans., showed three Chester White barrows at the American Royal Livestock Show, the Hutchinson (Kans.) State Fair, and the Mitchell County Fair, which carried off prizes in both club and open classes. His profit for the year was \$341.15.

Tennessee comes forward with a State pig-club champion, too, 14-year-old Maurice Weaver of Hamilton County. Maurice has Poland Chinas and showed a junior sow pig at Chattanooga Inter-State Fair that won grand championship over all breeds. He has three more Poland Chinas valued at \$235.

Another member of the grand-champion class is Everette Pruitt, Smyth County, Va., club member. Everette bought a 420-pound Hereford calf in November, 1925, fed it to 945 pounds by September, 1926, and showed it at the Virginia State Fair. It won grand championship over all breeds in the club show and was grand champion steer in open classes of the entire fat-cattle show against 216 entries. Among the prizes was a \$200 scholarship to Virginia A. and M. College.

While grand championships are being talked about, Washington County, Nebr., is justly proud of Bazil Lazure, a club boy, who produced the championship 10-ear corn exhibit at the Nebraska State Corn Show at Lincoln.



We Point with Pride



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Four Kelsey brothers of Middletown Conn., started in club work in 1923. At that time the average milk production of the Kelsey herd was about 7,000 pounds. For the past year it has been a little better than 10,000 pounds. The four brothers own 11 registered tested purebred Holsteins. Five of the animals were milked last year, and the average production was 11,000 pounds. Three of the animals were in their first lactation period. The Kelseys are planning to build an addition on their barn larger than the present barn.

West Virginia has some club members who are doing farm-size work, too. Stuart Schoonover of Barbour County has become a real partner with his father. Mr. Schoonover bought a farm which was in a run-down condition and he and Stuart have been using the club methods in building up the land, have paid for it, and are getting modern equipment. Stuart is chief accountant for the firm. He says the crop that put the firm on the credit side of the ledger this past season was the 1400-bushel potato crop, from which they realized a net income of \$1,102.11.

Then there are the Carr brothers, two of the "Valley Hustlers" in Randolph County, W. Va., known in club circles as Bus and Don. Last year they purchased 25 acres of land, grew 9 acres of soy beans, 8 of corn, nearly 2 acres of potatoes, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of truck crops. Bus has 100 White Leghorn pullets and has built a West Virginia type house for them. Both boys are in high school.

O'Dell Beck of Davidson County, N. C., has made a profit of \$311.89 from his two demonstrations in pig feeding. Fourteen of his pigs, fed 163 days, made a daily gain of 1.19 pounds per pig, and 10 pigs, fed for 102 days, gained daily 1.18 pounds each. The total cost, including purchase of the pigs, was \$420.84.

Members of the corn and cotton clubs of South Carolina more than doubled the adults' yield per acre last year, says B. O. Williams, State boys' club agent. The corn-club boys made three times the State average, he adds.

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NEWSPAPER ROW

In behalf of the club newspaper fraternity congratulations go to two new club papers, MORGAN COUNTY (Ala.) GIRLS' CLUB LEADER and SHELBY COUNTY (Ind.) BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB NEWS, whose first numbers are dated April and May respectively. The MORGAN COUNTY GIRLS' CLUB LEADER is the pioneer paper of its kind in the State, says Sallye Hamilton, home demonstration agent, who is associate on the editorial staff. Editors, reporters, and illustrators are club girls. SHELBY COUNTY BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB NEWS comes from the office of Calvin Perdue, county agent; "Station C.A.O. broadcasting," he says on the cover page.

The IRON COUNTY (Mich.) CLUB NEWS made its first visit to the CLUB LEADER with the May 15 issue. And from Cheyenne County, Kans. comes a sheet that has all the makings of a club newspaper but turns out to be a weekly illustrated letter from County Agent E. Bruce to club members.

BOYS' CLUB SHORT COURSE NEWS (Gainesville, Fla.) comes in still damp from the press, as you might say, and chuck full of enthusiasm. Advanced squads at the short course this year answered to the names of big-league baseball teams, and the juniors did honor to names of the minor-league teams. That explains why Pirates and Giants and Cubs are mentioned in the paper, also Chicks, Pelicans, Gulls, Crackers, Bears, Lookouts, and Tars. Then there was a treasure hunt with Braves and Tars looming large, the NEWS stating, "The Tars of the juniors were the first to finish in the treasure hunt Tuesday afternoon. The Braves were first of the advanced groups and came in just after the Tars."



The GIRLS' CLUB DAILY, issued both daily and gaily during the Alabama club girls' short course in Auburn, starts its career with a tantalizing subscription offer: "One week free; three days half price." Those wishing to take advantage of this bonafide bargain offer are referred to Editors Mary Bailey, Isadora Williams, and P. C. Davis, Alabama Extension Service, Auburn.

Then out of the midwestern mail tumbles a complete set of "THE MAWNIN' GUZETTE," daily paper of Nebraska club week, put out by a staff of editor-in-chief, managing editor, three reporters, and a circulation manager, all club members who had won prize trips to the short course by

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their proved ability as news writers for Nebraska newspapers. They did double duty, sending a short course back to their papers while keeping the MAWNIN' GUZETTE presses roaring. The GUZETTE runs full-page heads, uses line drawings, carries regular departments and feature articles, and gets its own weather reports independent of the Weather Bureau. Elton Lux of the Nebraska Extension Service was counsel for the staff.

Scott County, Iowa, club girls have repeated their last year's venture into the newspaper realm. They prepared and edited material for two pages in THE DAVENPORT (Iowa) DEMOCRAT AND LEADER, supplying club news, photographs, articles on club work, and an editorial. Club girl reporters sent in the copy under a definite deadline.

From Philadelphia, Miss., comes a 4-H club edition of THE NESHOPA DEMOCRAT, its 16 pages filled with news from the clubs of the county, a two-page roster of all club members in the county, and an editorial on club work which concludes: "Club work represents Mississippi's best type of education. It converts the home and farm into a laboratory for the best development of the head, the heart, the hand, and the health."

New York winds up the month's news record by devoting time at the 4-H club section of the State extension conference to a news-writing school for club agents, with Bristow Adams and L. R. Ham of Cornell University in charge. These hard-studying club agents also had a course in public speaking during the week.

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MASSACHUSETTS WANTS TO KNOW if anyone has been in club work longer than Alice Randall of Belcherville, Mass., who is well into her eleventh year? She has four years of canning-club work to her credit, two years of sewing, one year as a baby-beef producer, and for seven years has been a dairy club member. She now owns seven head of dairy animals and last year was secretary of the Hampshire County Junior Dairy Association. She is going into partnership with her father after completing the two-year course at Massachusetts Agricultural College. And that suggests another question - ARE THERE ANY MORE FATHER-and-DAUGHTER partnerships in the club archives?

TO JAM! With the fragrance of the jelly and jam making season beginning its gastronomic appeal, we lift our hats to the Fremont County, Col., club girls who have closed a contract with the D. & R.O.W. diner service for 100 dozen jars of strawberry, raspberry, and cherry jams of the particular 4-H deliciousness, to be made this summer. Travelers on the B. & O. railroad will have an opportunity to read a leaflet on "Mountain State Blackberry Jam" written by a West Virginia club girl, Minnie V. Humphreys.

CALENDAR

INDIANA: 4-H Club camp leaders' training school, La Fayette, July 5-8.

NEW YORK: Junior field day and short course, Ithaca, June 22-24.

NORTH CAROLINA: Boys' and girls' short course, Raleigh, July 11-16.

OKLAHOMA: Farmers' week (club members and their parents), Stillwater
August 2-5.

OREGON: Boys' and girls' club summer school, Corvallis, June 13-25.

TENNESSEE: West Tennessee district camp, Jackson, July 11-16.

Middle Tennessee district camp, Columbia, July 18-23.

State camp, Knoxville, July 25-30.

VERMONT: State conference of club leaders, Burlington, June 27 to
July 2.

National dairy exposition, Memphis, Tenn., October 15-23.

National boys' and girls' club congress, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 25 to Dec. 2.

Tentative premium list of the sixth national boys' and girls' club congress is on hand to spur on club members to fresh achievements - 18 pages of information on the classes and prizes offered. It is issued in this early tentative form, says the foreword, in order that those who desire may include announcements in State fair premium lists and so that adequate time may be given the leaders to plan for and prepare their exhibits. The printed premium list will be mailed early in the autumn.

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"Some Guides to 4-H Leadership" is the title of a new reference manual for 4-H club leaders, issued by the Kansas Extension Service. Among the subjects presented are steps in organizing clubs, duties of club officers, how to build a program of work, business matters to be considered by clubs, parliamentary practice, 24 suggestive programs, two ceremonies which may be used in initiating new members, the words and music of six songs recommended for all clubs to sing, an outline for health activities for all clubs, games, outlines for the use of demonstration teams, and a score card for model club meetings.

"Guideposts for 4-H Club Program, 1927" has been prepared by the Montana Extension Service. There are seven good stout "posts." Accomplishments for 1926 are appended to spur the traveler on.

"Outlines for Organizing and Conducting Junior Community Clubs," put out by the Kentucky Extension Service, suggests programs also for meetings and various club events.

"Training 4-H Leadership," by Robert G. Foster, U. S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service (Ext. Serv. Circ. 37), includes types of training, and plans.

"Our Furry Friends--Little nature studies in verse," by Robert Watson, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and Frank G. Ashbrook, U. S. Department of Agriculture, contains also drawings of a number of fur-bearing animals, questions and answers about them, and a foreword explaining its purpose--to teach boys and girls that fur animals represent a great natural resource and why and how this resource should be guarded and preserved.

"Fur Animals" (Lantern-slide series 222), illustrating the importance and economic value of native fur animals, has been prepared cooperatively by the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It includes 32 slides and is accompanied by supplementary notes for use in presenting the subject. Application for the series may be made, as usual, through State directors of extension.

"4-H Club Organization and Duties of Officers" was issued recently by the Virginia Extension Service.

